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By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.
Then join in hands, brave Americans all.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

DOUBTLESS Commissioner Ira Smith gets what consolation he can between the telephone calls from irate citizens out of the reflection that other plants have gone through the same experience the city pumping station is now going through. But that scarcely covers the case. When the proprietor of a business using boilers, or the officer of a corporation similarly fixed elects to run so close into the financial wind that the power plant goes bad all over, the worst that can happen is the loss of money. But the head of a municipal water department should also think of the close relation which a good water supply bears to the public health. And when the matter is viewed in that light, the management of the Water department has been, to put the very best possible face upon it, heedless in the extreme.

Some days since The West Virginian published a letter to the editor written by a civil engineer familiar with water works practice, who made the charge, among others, that the water department of Fairmont is being run as a money making enterprise and the profits applied to other departments of the city government. We felt at the time that this was well founded, and that steps ought to be taken to put this part of the municipal business upon a proper footing. We feel even more strongly that this should be done now that we have learned by actual experience that no effort is being made to provide reserve storage capacity or alternative pumping systems—that we are, in short, living a precarious hand to mouth existence in the most vitally important branch of the public service.

To provide Fairmont with the kind of a municipal water plant it really ought to have probably would cost between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, and this is out of the question right now. But we can, if we want to, take precautions which will make it certain that there will never again be such a stoppage of operations as began this day one week ago, when the trouble at the pumping station first developed. For over a year the Board of Affairs has been dallying with a project to run the city pumps with electricity. Just why nothing has been done about the matter we do not know. Perhaps it was because a lowering in the cost of pumpage could not be figured. But has deterioration of boilers and loss of revenue due to the plant going out of commission been figured in? However, we are not trying to sell current for the M. V. T., for one reason because there has not been, during the past week, any more of that than is needed by present consumers. But leaving electric power out of the matter entirely, why is the pumping station so hooked up that the blowing of one tube compels the closing down of both pumps?

We ought to have complete answers to these and many more questions, and while we are at it, we ought to have a recognized authority upon such municipal problems make a study of our conditions and tell us what we do need. There is no use in starting out bravely to make this a great industrial community only to leave our water supply on a 15,000 population basis.

GERMANY'S RETREAT.

BY FAR the most creditable thing that has been done by the group of armies operating under the nominal command of the Crown Prince is the retreat out of the Soissons-Rheims salient. In the hands of any but the most skillful tacticians this operation probably would have resulted in a military disaster of the first magnitude, but it is beginning to be apparent that instead of that it was a brilliant success. True, every clump of woods, every rise and depression of the ground that could be made to serve as cover for machine gunners was turned into a

slaughter pen and took its toll of gray clad soldiers, but the Crown Prince saved his big guns and most of his smaller ones. And that, in the philosophy of Potsdam, spells success.

The whole operation is but another example that in this war, unless there is a considerable break-through at the start, there can be no hope of important success. The German line held throughout the whole gruelling experience, which was probably without parallel except what the British went through twice in the Ypres salient with even greater success. And the clashes that have occurred give us a new idea of the sanguinary character of open fighting in this war. It teaches, among other things, that until the Allied forces are greatly strengthened by American forces there can be no hope of defeating the Germans.

DO YOUR OWN KICKING.

IN DECIDING that the individual members of the various locals ought personally to report infractions of the act regulating weights and measures, the Monongahela Valley Trades and Labor Council took a step in the right direction, but it may be doubted that they were entirely just in saying that the local sealer of weights and measures is not doing his duty. The local man is at least entitled to a trial, and perhaps if he felt that he had the support of a part of a public that is willing to fight for its rights, he might turn out to be all that he ought to be as a public officer.

At bottom the public itself is to blame when it is overcharged or cheated. That has been proved time and again in widely scattered communities. Most merchants are honest. They will not take undue advantage or use weights and measures that are not true, but they would have to be something more than human if they did not take all the profit they can, and it is right there that militancy on the part of the consuming public comes into play. The profit will always be reasonable if the merchant knows that the consumer is going to put up a powerful kick every time it is not.

But it should be clearly understood that the consumer cannot pass his kicking responsibility over to a public official and expect it to produce the desired reaction. It has to be done personally, resolutely and persistently before any good can come of it. If every time a merchant attempted to charge on the item of bacon, for instance, more than the fair price calls for, the consumer mailed a complaint to the County Food administrator, it would soon be borne in upon all the merchants selling bacon in this town that charging more than the fair price—even under any of the transparent subterfuges that skinned bacon or sliced bacon costs more than just bacon—is a troublesome business that does not pay.

Trading is a two party matter, even if the commodity dealt in is no more than a box of matches. The purchaser can make his share of the terms when he wants to. The trouble has been that in the past in this town too many people have been letting the merchants make all of the terms. When that changes permanently, there will be some lowering in the cost of living.

That report of a severance of relations between Turkey and the Central empires ought to be received with considerable caution, for while it was expected that such a break eventually would occur, it was not expected so soon. What actually has happened, in all probability, is the first open clash between the statesmen of Turkey and of Germany. It is easy to believe that the matter will hurry to a crisis and perhaps a final break, for Turkey in all probability is at the end of her resources, while the Teutonic governments may not be in a position to make any concessions which would have a tendency to arouse the hostility of Bulgaria, the greediest of all European governments. All of this has a special interest to the people of America aside from its general bearing upon the military and economic situation in Europe, because of all the governments associated in the war upon the Central powers and their allies, the United States is the only one that is not at war with the Turkish empire. In this day of topsy turvy political arrangements, it would be quite possible for us to conclude an arrangement with Turkey to put a fleet through the Dardanelles and not only make the position of Bulgaria most precarious, but seriously embarrass Germany in any effort to get provisions from southern Russia, the most important what growing section of that vast country. This is, of course, a bizarre idea, and it might never enter the heads of the men who sit upon the International conference at Versailles, but there is no political obstacle to it if Turkey and Germany actually have come to the end of their always ill assorted arrangement.

The administration of the draft law was under fire in the Senate yesterday, but it will occur to most unprejudiced observers that most of the knocks were boomerangs, as they say in baseball circles. The argument of Senator Sterling, of South Dakota, was particularly nonsensical. Senator Sterling seems to think that it is wrong for local boards to reexamine men who in the first rush were granted exemption for physical reasons. The beautiful thing about the draft machinery is that every district stands upon its own bottom. The amount of men it must supply is fixed by calculation based until recently upon its population, and that is the end of it as far as the government is concerned. If the board is too lenient with exemptions or with the classification of the men, soon or late it gets into trouble and has to go over the ground again. And that is precisely as it should be.

Allen Property Custodian Palmer has seized another German plant that was trying to masquerade as a pure American. There ought to be a special procedure for this kind of alien property, for while the owners of property who did not seek to conceal the ownership are entitled to the utmost consideration and a full accounting at the end of the war, those Germans who did not act thus frankly and honestly are guilty of a breach of hospitality, and they ought to be treated as persons who are not to be trusted after the war any more than right now.

have been beaten up and followed around here and even run out of town, by people who openly fought organized labor but now jump on a labor band wagon is enough to make one sick.

We want to say that any man who carries a card should not forget the past so soon as poor Old Mother Jones has. I suppose E. V. Debs would do the same thing, and he was not permitted to make a speech from the court house steps. Now brother working man, let's look back a little as well as ahead. Think of the past, and say to poor old Mother Jones, and her candidate for Senator, if you are sincere, dismiss your beat-em-ups. Repeat in sack cloth and ashes, be baptised and as in the old days of the good old Methodist church after six months' probation. We will take you into full membership and then, and not until then, should they be permitted to commune. Brother Working Man, let's not let any one lead us into any trap. I hope they are sincere and ready to sign a good working scale and weigh each pound of coal and then and not until then would I be willing to follow Mother Jones and her candidate into the wilderness. When you are asked are you for C. W.? Say to them has he been taken into full membership? Does he carry a card? Can he commune?

I hope all Brotherhood men will stop look "think" and listen.

Respectfully,

ONE WHO COMMUNES.

DON L. REESE IN THE ARMY.

FAIRMONT, July 30.—[Editor The West Virginian.]—There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the whereabouts of Don L. Reese. We notice he is classed with the delinquents. For the benefit of those that don't know, and to do him justice, we take this means of informing the public. March 29 Don L. Reese enlisted in Company C, 60th Reg. Railway Engineer Corps, while in San Francisco, Cal., at Fort McDowell one week. Then sent to Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. May 20th transferred to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind. June 23, left there for New York the 29th, had been at Camp Upton four days, and leaving there also. July 18 his mother, Mrs. M. Reese received a card stating the ship on which he sailed had landed safely over seas.

Miss Sallie Lanes, an East Tennessee school teacher, has a record of mowing six acres of hay in one day.

WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—To get himself in shipshape for military duty should he be called, was the reason why Senator Howard Sutherland went to the Walter Reed Hospital a few days ago to undergo a minor surgical operation or herniorrhaphy. He is still at the hospital, but will be discharged in a day or two and when he gets out he will complete some important business for some constituents and will then go to his home at Elkton to remain until after the primary. Mrs. Sutherland and the younger children are there.

Senator Sutherland missed but one day attending to business and that was the day the operation was performed. The following day he was visited by Secretary Heflin and every day after that. They spent the afternoon with correspondence and looking after office routine.

One very consoling thought that Senator Sutherland has is to compensate him for his trip to the hospital is that the big army surgeons made a thorough examination of him and found the agreeable verdict that "Senator Sutherland is in the perfect physical condition of a man of thirty-five." The Senator is very proud of that finding. Also, it explains better than anything else how it is that he can stand up under the long hours and hard work that he puts in. No member of the Senate works as hard as he does, because none of them can stand the pace with which he goes.

A commission as postmaster at Follansbee has been issued to Zadock Simpson. It is dated July 16. This office is in the presidential class. Order of July 12th to discontinue post office at Sevy, Fayette county, has been rescinded. Star route has been established from Concord by Lehigh and High View (W. Va.) to Gore (Va.) 12 miles and back six times a week, starting August 1st.

A conference has just been concluded between representatives of the Fuel Administration and the smokeless coal operators of West Virginia. It was held for the purpose of adjoining the standard of prices of the product in these fields for coal consigned to Hampton Roads and for the consideration of other matters relative to brokers' commissions, production, etc.

No definite conclusion was reached at the conference as to price adjustments, the operators from the Pocahontas field proposing to submit to the Fuel Administration at an early date a complete new set of cost sheets, which they say will more nearly represent the mining costs in their field.

Under the present regulations of the Fuel Administration, nine different basic prices are fixed for coal originating in the Pocahontas, New River and Tug River fields.

Covering different grades and different allowances, commissions, etc., there are forty-eight different prices applying to these fields. The Administration has proposed a schedule of average prices for the purpose of simplifying the accounting to the different fields and different operators. The Pocahontas operators object to the enforcement of any new plan until new cost sheets for their field shall have been prepared and submitted.

For the third time within the last week, Congressman H. C. Woodyard has called the attention of Railroad Administrator McAdoo to the fact that no allotment of funds to help restore shipping facilities on the Ohio River, so as to relieve the freight pressure on the railroads, has been made, and urging that something be done in this direction as soon as possible. The Mississippi has been

awarded \$8,000,000 with which to restore barges and boats on that thoroughfare, and Mr. Woodyard contends that the same urgent need is to be found on the Ohio River. The government has undertaken to cooperate with financial help in restoring shipping on the important waterways of the country, so as to relieve the railway freight congestion.

Senator Sutherland's office reports the granting of two reissue pensions: one to Mrs. Mary V. McLain, of Hettie, W. Va., \$12 a month from Oct. 1916, \$20 from May 1917, \$26 from Oct. 1917; Mrs. Etta Gray, of Martha, \$12 from Oct. 1916 and \$25 from Oct. 1917. Senator Sutherland has up with the Pension Bureau now the claims of Mrs. Helen Fleming, of Belleville, and Bashrod Arnold, of Montgomery.

Dr. G. H. Otto and Alphonso Peters, both of Wheeling, are here. The latter came to see about getting his boy home on a furlough to visit his mother who is gravely ill. With help of Senator Sutherland he was successful. The son, Philip, is in training camp at Jacksonville, Fla.

FARMERS VISITED STATE COLLEGE

Sixty Marion Countians Inspect Extension Work Plots at Morgantown

Sixty Marion county farmers Sunday made an educational trip to inspect the work of the extension department of West Virginia University at Morgantown. The trip was made by automobile and sixteen machines conveyed the party.

Some of the farmers left the court house in Fairmont shortly after 9 o'clock while others went direct to the extension office at Morgantown. Several of the farmers had tire trouble before they reached Morgantown and in one instance a man had to return home. Lunch was eaten at the

Energy Required in Seeing

You cannot even see without expending some energy, and the amount you expend depends upon the condition of your eyes, and the amount of near work you do. If you have errors of vision the energy required to offset it is sometimes enormous, causing headaches and other troubles. The correct glasses stop this excessive loss of energy.

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Scott's the Jeweler.



July 29th, 1918.

COURTNEY'S STORE NEWS

Reliable Advertising

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Courtney's

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dairy farm. The first place visited was the poultry houses where Prof. Mulvihill took charge of the party and explained the feeding of poultry as well as the proper care of it. Prof. Dorsey headed the party at the field crop plots and explained the experiments incident to the forty varieties of oats that are under culture there. Different methods of growing soy beans were also given. Prof. Dorsey leaves for Connecticut in the near future.

A trip to the horticulture farm followed, where Prof. Ritchie took charge of the party. There the farmers saw the plots where different fertilizer experiments are being conducted. The strawberry, blackberry, raspberry and grape plots were visited as was the peach and apple orchard. The different methods of pruning were represented in these plots.

The farmers then visited the agronomy farm, where corn and soy beans were found to be growing. Prof. J. J. Yoke, professor of animal husbandry, took charge of the party when the live stock farm was visited. He explained the plans for carrying on the work at the farm. Two new barns are being erected on the recent property acquired. There well bred animals of the Hedeford, Shorthorn and Angus and a pair of colts were exhibited. The good and imperfect points of the stock

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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were pointed out. After a visit to Morgantown the party departed for their homes. The trip was arranged by W. E. McComas, county farm agent of Marion county, and it proved to be very delightful.

Aeronaunts avr that the barking of a dog can be heard at an elevation of four miles.

A DAGGER IN THE BACK

That's the woman's dread when she gets up in the morning to start the day's work. "Oh, how my back aches." GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules taken today ease the backache of tomorrow—taken every day ends the backache for all time. Don't delay. What's the use of suffering? Begin taking GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules today and be relieved tomorrow. Take three or four every day and be permanently free from wrenching, distressing back pain. But be sure to get GOLD MEDAL. Since 1896 GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil has been the National Remedy of Holland, the government of the Netherlands having granted a special charter authorizing its preparation and sale. The housewife of Holland would almost as soon be without bread as she would without her "Rat Dutch Drops" as she quaintly calls GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules. This is the one reason why you will find the women and children of Holland so sturdy and robust. GOLD MEDAL are the pure, original Haarlem Oil Capsules imported direct from the laboratories in Haarlem, Holland. But be sure to get GOLD MEDAL. Look for the name on every box. Sold by reliable druggists in sealed packages, three sizes. Money refunded if they do not help you. Accept only the GOLD MEDAL. All others are imitations.

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TIDE TURNING TO JOS. H. GAINES

His Friends Believe He Will Win By a Landslide Even Though He Has Neither Money Nor Organization.

CHARLESTON, July 30.—Since the leading business men of Wheeling and the northern part of the state have come out almost solidly in a signed published statement endorsing the Hon. Joseph Holt Gaines for the senatorial nomination the tide of sentiment in his behalf has risen almost to flood height and it is the general opinion here that his victory in the primary will become a landslide. Some of his friends predict that he will get more votes south of the Kanawha river than all his opponents combined.

They point out the fact that Howard Sutherland won his nomination and election without money and without an organization. Mr. Gaines has neither. He entered the race late, and might in a sense be termed a dark horse but many races are won by the dark horse. The Gaines supporters say "We want to be represented in the senate by brains and not money." The country needs big men in Congress and they all agree that Gaines is the best qualified and the ablest man of the entire lot.

RUFF STUFF

Three cheers for the old rain barrel.

Many a guy would have come to work this morning with a dirty face but for the kindly assistance.

While we are at it we might as well throw in a vine or two for the weather man.

We gathered from various remarks made on the street last night that Commissioner Ira will have to do an awful lot of story telling and glad handling around if he wants to be re-elected to popularity.

And the stories had better be brand new too if he does not want to start the decaying vegetables to clattering up the air.

It is, however, probably not true that there is a movement on foot among the members of that famous W.

band to change the name. Ban Johnson wants to play the world series right in the middle of summer before the work or fight order applies the hook to baseball.

Trust Ban to squeeze the ultimate dollar out of the game.

It may be the great American pastime to the public, but to Ban it is the great American graft.

But at that we'd like to see a world series right in the center of the hot weather.

All rotten playing in ordinary world series has been blamed on unseasonable weather and the strain of a long and hard season.

But if they fall down in August they'll say that the series came before they could get into regular form.

Lamp in an ad in the Astonisher this morning that if our boys in France need clothes or our ships need coal all they got to do is to see C. W.

Commissioner Ira please note.

Maybe C. W. W. can get us a little water.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DOES HE COMMUNE?
FAIRMONT, July 29.—[Editor The West Virginian.]—Will you kindly permit me to make a few remarks? We want to "jog" the memory of a few people. Last they forget—

We see in The Times so often, Mother Jones this, Mother Jones that. She seems to be a great woman now, but fellow workmen how long has she been great? Since Judge Jackson put her in jail? Or since she locked arms with John D. Rockefeller? Or since she found out that C. W. W. was such a friend to labor? Poor old woman, it makes an intelligent working man smile. The number of organizers that